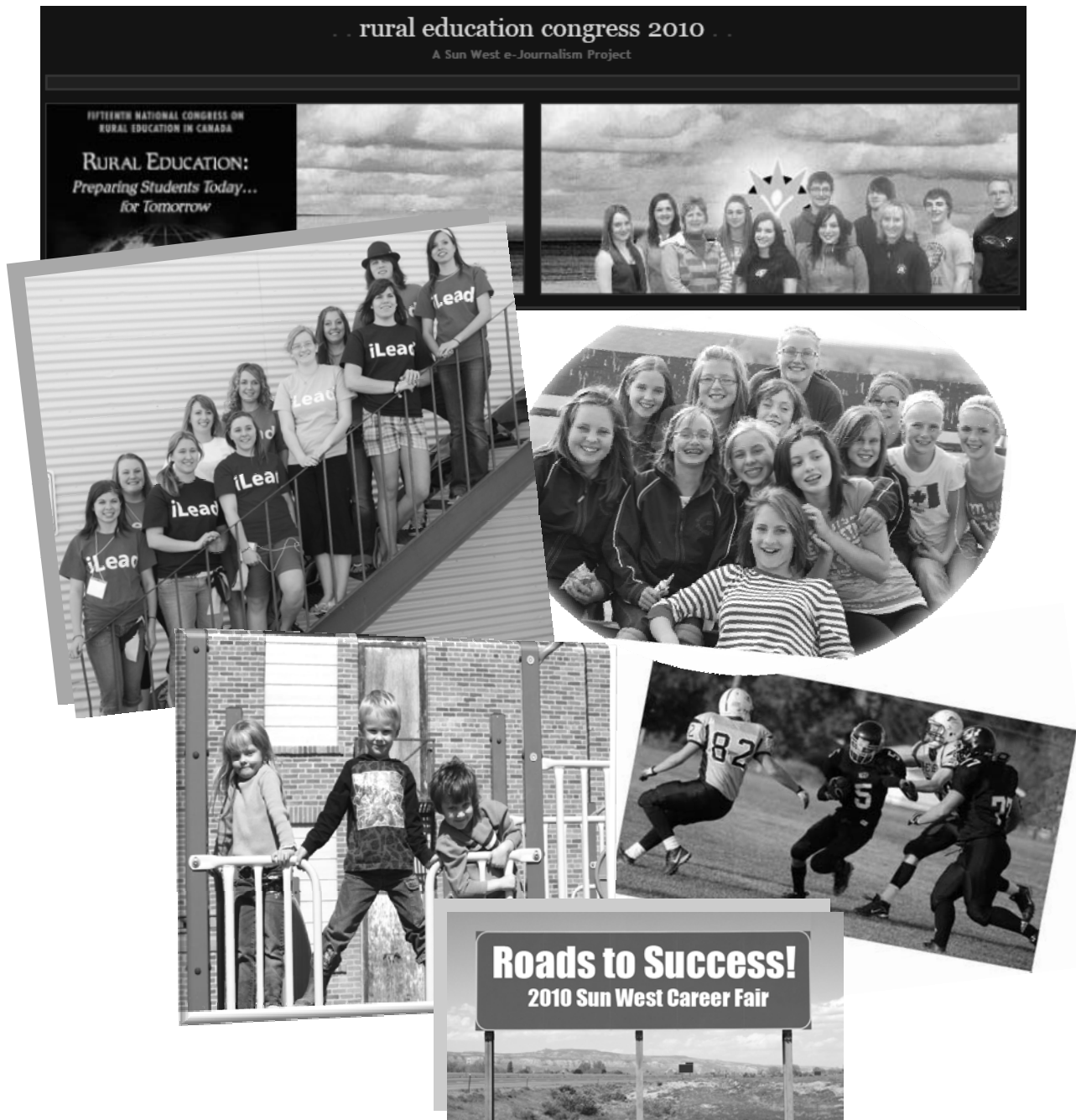




**SUN WEST**  
SCHOOL DIVISION

*Success for all*

## **2009-2010 ANNUAL REPORT**



The Fifth Annual Meeting of the Ratepayers of the  
Sun West School Division  
7:00 pm, Tuesday April 12th, 2011  
Rosetown Central High School Theatre



### ***School Community Councils Network and Meet with Board of Education***

Sun West hosted three workshops last November. Despite poor weather conditions approximately 150 School Community Council members attended the workshops.

Workshops were held at Outlook Elementary School, Rosetown Central High School and Kindersley Composite School. Attendees had the opportunity to participate in practical hands-on exercises organized by a committee consisting of SCC members from Landis, Eston Composite, Outlook Elementary and Kindersley Composite Schools.

The Sun West Board of Education also extended an invitation to all School Community Council chairs to meet with them on April 13, 2010, in Rosetown. The meeting was an opportunity for SCC Chairs to network with each other as well as with the Board members and to discuss issues of mutual interest as Sun West continues to build the framework of effective SCCs. As a result of these discussions, the Board decided in 2010 that SCCs will hold their Annual General Meetings and Elections in April instead of October in order to allow more meaningful participation by parents and community members in school improvement planning in the future.

### ***Second Sun West Division Wide Career Fair Held in April 2010***

The second Sun West School Division Career Fair was held April 22, 2010 in Rosetown. Approximately 750 students in grades 10 and 11 attended from 17 Sun West schools. The fair featured a large trade show with over 50 organizations taking part, including post-secondary institutions, businesses, and government agencies. The Team Sun West Leadership students organized and ran the Career Fair as part of the Student Leadership program within Sun West.



### ***Congress on Rural Education 2010 E-Journalism Team***

A group of eight students formed the Sun West e-journalism team and attended the Rural Education Congress in February 2010. Students from Davidson School, Dinsmore Composite School, Rosetown Central High School, and Westcliffe School in Marengo as well as three Sun West staff members volunteered to participate on the Sun West e-Journalism Team because of their interest in journalism, technology, teaching and learning. The e-Journalism team met for one day in February, 2010 to meet each other, learn about the Congress on Rural Education and Journalism in general, and complete pre-planning activities related to the Congress. They reported from the event through video, blogs and other social media.



### ***Division Wide Student Leadership Conference Grows!***

The third annual Sun West Leadership Conference was held in Outlook April 16-17, 2010. The iLead theme was developed by Team Sun West, a group of 11 students from 9 schools around the division. They were responsible for planning and organizing the conference for the 190 student delegates who attended it.

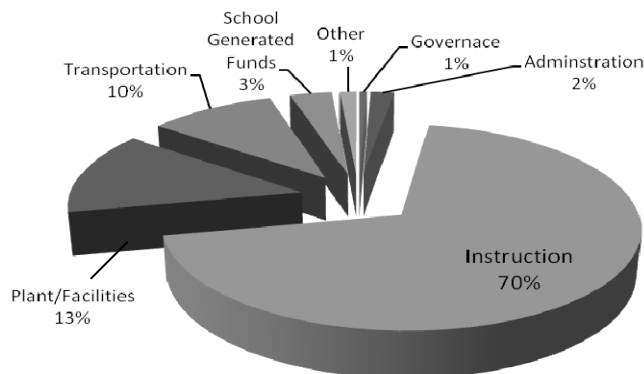
The conference featured a number of top-level speakers and presenters including Scott Hammell, Mike Smith, Ian Tyson, Georgette Reed and Terrance Littleton. Team Sun West started off the conference with exciting opening ceremonies and delivered iLead workshops to delegates. Plans for the fourth Sun West Student Leadership Conference are in the works and is scheduled for April 15-16, 2011 in Kindersley.



**Sun West School Division No. 207**  
**Consolidated Statement of Operations and Accumulated Surplus (Deficit)**  
**for the year ended August 31, 2010**

	2010 Budget (Note 16)	2010 Actual	2009 Actual Restated (Note 20)
<b>REVENUES</b>			
Property Taxation	25,848,281	26,463,257	27,916,723
Grants	27,462,213	27,492,183	22,346,603
Tuition and Related Fees	27,272	39,422	35,372
School Generated Funds	1,770,595	1,723,819	1,738,502
Complementary Services (Note 13)	-	73,646	14,000
External Services (Note 14)	-	1,200	2,100
Other	253,140	468,945	552,599
<b>Total Revenues (Schedule A)</b>	<b>55,361,501</b>	<b>56,262,472</b>	<b>52,605,899</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>			
Governance	437,490	329,224	314,653
Administration	1,139,298	962,639	914,656
Instruction	39,494,885	36,502,322	36,720,897
Plant	7,385,936	7,129,446	7,364,185
Transportation	5,908,613	5,342,478	5,324,224
Tuition and Related Fees	51,410	46,819	53,738
School Generated Funds	1,770,595	1,775,184	1,770,595
Complementary Services (Note 13)	216,677	210,257	124,002
External Services (Note 14)	5,000	-	629
Other Expenses	125,149	648,888	61,741
<b>Total Expenses (Schedule B)</b>	<b>56,535,053</b>	<b>52,947,257</b>	<b>52,649,320</b>
<b>Surplus (Deficit) for the Year</b>	<b>(1,173,552)</b>	<b>3,315,215</b>	<b>(43,421)</b>
<b>Accumulated Surplus, Beginning of Year</b>	<b>66,776,521</b>	<b>66,776,521</b>	<b>66,819,942</b>
<b>Accumulated Surplus, End of Year</b>	<b>65,602,969</b>	<b>70,091,736</b>	<b>66,776,521</b>

**How Sun West Spends Education Dollars**



**Instruction - \$36,712,579 - 70%**

Textbooks, educational technology, extra-curricular funding, complementary services (prekindergarten), libraries, salaries and benefits for teachers, educational assistants, school-based administrators, superintendents, and the Director of Education.

**Plant/Facilities - \$7,129,446 - 13%**

Heating, lighting, maintenance, repairs and improvements to division property, salaries and benefits for caretakers and maintenance personnel.

**Student Transportation - \$5,342,478 - 10%**

Vehicle maintenance, fuel, amortization of transportation fleet, and salaries and benefits for transportation personnel.

**School-Generated Funds - \$1,775,184 - 3%**

These are funds that are raised and spent at the school level, but are reported in the financial reports.

**Administration - \$962,639 - 2%**

Heating, lighting, maintenance, repairs and improvements to the Division Office, salaries and benefits of Division Office staff.

**Other - \$695,707 - 1%**

Tuition & related charges, loss on sale of capital assets, and fees & bank charges.

**Governance - \$329,224 - 1%**

Board of Education meetings, elections, fees, collective bargaining costs, School Community Council grants, Student Leadership Program, public relations.

## **Continuous Improvement Framework (CIF)**

The Continuous Improvement Framework (CIF) is designed to assist school divisions with their strategic planning. The framework provides direction for school division public reporting, and assists the Ministry of Education in obtaining important information for its own planning. The ultimate goal of the CIF is to strengthen teaching and learning for improved student outcomes. Sun West School Division continues to focus on the Ministry's four priority areas:

- Higher Literacy and Achievement,
- Equitable Opportunities,
- Smooth Transitions and,
- System Accountability and Governance.

Specific programs within Sun West address each of the priorities. Each school, in collaboration with their School Community Council (SCC), creates a School Learning Improvement Plan (SLIP) which allows schools to implement strategies to meet established goals and report outcomes. Currently, Sun West schools are focusing on improving student performance in the literacies of **reading, writing and mathematics**. In the 2009-2010 school year, Sun West schools reported students experiencing increased levels of achievement (one level or more on a five level rubric) in the following areas: **writing – 73.6%, reading – 60.4%, and math – 81.4%**. Based on outcomes, Sun West schools will update their strategies and adjust performance targets to develop plans for future years.

## **Youth Consultation Group Meets with Board of Education in May 2010**

Every year each school in the Sun West School Division with a grades 10-12 component has one student representative who will work with students in his/her school and with student representatives from other schools to gather and present student input, views and ideas to the Board of Education. The Board believes that such student contributions will prove valuable for decision-making and education in the Sun West School Division.

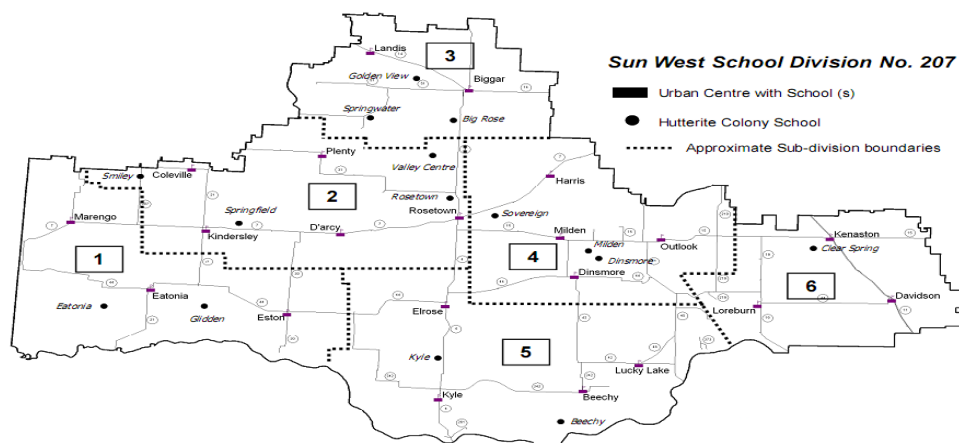




### Members of the Sun West Board of Education

**Back, (l-r)** Chandra Archdekin (Sub-division No. 3), Connie Bailey (Sub-division No. 4) Cathy Morrow (Vice-Chair and Sub-division No. 7), Ruth Griffith (Town of Kindersley), Kim Gerein (Town of Kindersley), Barb Cowell (Sub-division No. 8 ), and Margaret Irwin (Sub-division No. 1)

**Front, (l-r)** Bill Mescall (Sub-division No. 2) Lorne Ulven (Chair and Sub-division No. 6), Scott Sander (Sub-division No. 5)



### Message from the Chair of the Board of Education



On behalf of the Sun West Board of Education, I would like to commend the outstanding service and hard work of all Sun West staff in contributing to the education of our students. You are shaping the minds of our young people and for that you should be recognized. The Board would also like to recognize the dedicated volunteers who serve on our School Community Councils, be it parents, community members, staff and students. Thank you for all of your work and support over the past year!

The Board is also grateful to the students who continue to take an active leadership role in our schools. Sun West will continue to strive to implement student leadership initiatives and programs to better students, schools and communities. It is you who shape the future of the division and country and with your commitment and continued efforts and success, we will all see the benefits of "Success for All!"

Lorne Ulven  
Chair of the Board of Education

### Message from the Director of Education



In last year's report we highlighted the fact that our reading initiative throughout the school division helped raise the level of reading ability amongst our students to one of the top performing school systems in Saskatchewan! We are extremely proud of the dedicated service our teaching and support staff have provided for the students in our care. During the 2009-2010 academic year our schools continued to have staff work collaboratively in Professional Learning Communities (PLC's) to plan, develop and implement high quality instructional lessons that enabled our students to learn and excel in their studies. Many of our students achieved levels of excellence. The height of this learning distinction came to light as two of our students, Ben Copeland from the Elrose Composite School and Juliana Tan of Biggar Central School 2000, each received the prestigious \$75,000 W. Garfield Weston Loran Scholarship for their strong academic performance, strong moral character, independence and leadership and community service. There are only 15 such scholarships provided to students across Canada and Sun West School Division students garnered two of them! We all need to be extremely proud of the accomplishments our students and staff continually achieve in Sun West!

Dr. Guy Tétrault,  
Director of Education/ CEO